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SUBJ: TWO NDP ASSEMBLYMEN DETAINED, RELEASED BY KCIA

1. ON AUGUST 30, KCIA REPORTEDLY DETAINED TWO NDP NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN FOR QUESTIONING, RELEASING BOTH OF THEM AT 1830 HOURS ON SAME DAY. KIM CHAE-KWANG, ONE OF SIX NDP SUPREME COMMITTEEMEN, WAS PICKED UP AT 1500 HOURS BUT FELLOW ASSEMBLYMAN NO SUNG-HWAN WAS DETAINED AND QUESTIONED FOLLOWING HIS OWN PICK-UP SIX HOURS EARLIER.

2. UPON BEING RELEASED, BOTH KIM AND NO REPORTEDLY CONTACTED NDP SPOKESMAN TO ASSURE HIM THAT DETENTION HAD "NOTHING TO DO WITH NDP". SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT IT WAS "CLEAR THEY WERE QUESTIONED ON STRICTLY PERSONAL MATTERS". AT THIS POINT, NDP MEMBERS GENERALLY APPEAR DISPOSED TO ACCEPT THIS ACCOUNT. SOME OBSERVERS, HOWEVER, HAVE TOLD EMBOFF THAT QUESTIONING LIKELY WAS ABOUT "CORRUPTION MATTERS". IT IS STILL UNCLEAR HOW DEEPLY INVOLVED EITHER OF THEM ARE INVOLVED IN ANY ALLEGED CORRUPTION.

3. SOME PARTY MEMBERS SPECULATED PRIOR TO KIM AND NO'S RELEASE THAT DETENTION COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN RELATED TO FACT BOTH

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ASSEMBLYMEN HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN NDP INTRA-PARTY MOVEMENT TO REFURBISH OPPOSITION IMAGE, TO MAKE NDP APPEAR TO TAKE HARDER, MORE COMBATIVE LINE AGAINST ROKG. ACTUALLY NEITHER ASSEMBLYMAN IS SIGNIFICANT LEADER IN THIS MOVEMENT DESPITE KIM'S SUPREME COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP. KIM IS KNOWN AS AN ANTI-YI CHOL-SUNG MAN AND ONE WHO WAS SPONSORED BY KIM YONG-SAM FOR HIS PRESENT NDP JOB. HE IS PRIMARILY A PARTY "INDEPENDENT", HOWEVER. ASSEMBLY-

MAN NO IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE A MEDIOCRE POLITICIAN.  
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